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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) IPC<sup>7</sup>: G 01 N 21/31, 21/35, 33/28, 37/00; G 06 F 17/00, 17/14, 17/40; ECLA: G 01 J 3/44K; G 01 J 3/44; USPC: 250/339.08; 702/25, 702/77

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base, and, where practicable, search terms used) USPTO West, Canadian Patent Database, Questel-Orbit Pluspat.  
Keywords: "suspension", "emulsion", "dispersion", "slurry", "Fourier", "infrared".

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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